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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

That 1919 should indeed be a happy new year, to practically every American blest with good health is possible. There exists every reason for looking forward with pleasurable anticipation to what is to come within the next 12 months. Never has there been greater cause for such anticipation.

In every community families will be looking forward with pleasure for the return of boys who, "went over there" to do their part in the great struggle for freedom. To them the year will be a blessed one marking the reuniting of severed ties.

It may well be a happy one for those whose sons will not come back. Parents, particularly of those who died on foreign fields should be proud of their supreme sacrifice. They gave far greater gifts than those who are perhaps more loudly acclaimed. While they rejoice with the mothers and fathers of returned soldiers and long for their loved ones, may their pride in their son, and the knowledge that he died serving a cause, than which no more righteous one are primed the rifles of a noble army, nor on which justice never breathed a blessing more divine assuage than grief.

The coming year will try thoroughly the genius of the American people to master the difficult problems of reconstruction. There will be many changes in all the aspects and activities of life. This is already presaged in discussions on every hand.

The war has taught a distinct lesson in civil government. It has demonstrated that the old idea of antagonism of interest is harmful to the promotion of the best results. It has shown that by community of interests the welfare of the nation can best be guarded. That with labor and capital working together on a definite program there is no task too great for the ability of Americans to perform.

What the lesson has taught is good for war conditions will be accepted as good, to a large degree, at least, for peace. Just how far the change is social that will go is a question. There will be no curbing of individual initiative, for that was unnecessary during war times. But there will be an imposition of regulation, in some form upon great industries so as to promote social justice.

There is no denying that the American people are not ready to adopt government ownership of all utilities. The management of the railroads, the necessary under war conditions, has not brot about a demand for state socialism as the fixed policy of the government.

The working out of these problems together with the absorption back into private life of three million men who have been under arms for nearly a year; the readjustment of the educational system of the country to keep step with the facts presented by war the assumption of America of a place in the concert of world powers, all these things with the many complex problems they present, most of which must be determined by the people themselves, indicate that the coming year will not drag wearisome thru its cycle.

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## THEY ARE COMING HOME

Two years ago the sight of an American army uniform in nearly every small town in America would have attracted a mob. It would have been found, perhaps, that the man wearing it was the son of a "home town family" who had probably joined the army over parental objections, and all that sort of thing. Today conditions have changed.

The sight of a uniform is common. The streets of Ontario have during the past week been filled with men and boys in uniform. And those boys donned that garb to serve a great cause. They deserve the consideration of the people. But, what has been done to assure these boys that they will find employment now?

We have heard a great deal of talk about what we must do for the soldier boys, all of which is well and good, but nothing has been done. Our acts are not squaring with our words.

Of course in this section, at this time, it is hard to find places for those who need them, but a job six months from now will not take the khaki clad boys thru the winter. There are a number of men recently discharged from the service who are in need

of work. Is there nothing that can be done now to supply that need?

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## MONEY WELL SPENT

Two of the boys who recently returned from camps in the East bring with them tributes to the work of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board and others of the war service organizations. It will do those who gave liberally to these organizations good to know that the boys praise them highly.

As one of them put it: "Every cent given to any of these organizations was the best money any fellow ever spent."

To illustrate what the Red Cross meant to these boys recently this one incident may be recorded; as told by LaRue Blackaby:

"I was one of eight fellows who left Camp Taylor for Oregon, and six of the party, thru a mistake in the office had received only \$1.05 each for traveling expenses, from Louisville, Kentucky, to Eugene, Ore. Rather than wait for an uncertain time until the mistake could be corrected they came on.

"At Chicago, and enroute to that city, the Red Cross canteens fed us all; and at Chicago after giving us a meal they gave us tickets to Grand Opera and to Vaudeville performances. Then when we left Chicago the boys who were short of funds were given lunches for the train and these together with meals served by other canteens served to carry them across the continent.

"If it had not been for the Red Cross these fellows would have been 'out of luck'."

Sam Creem who returned from Camp Devens, Massachusetts, tells of similar experiences he witnessed crossing the continent, and also how while the boys are standing in line for hours to receive their discharge papers Red Cross workers journeyed out from Boston fed them, from the truck loads of food brot out every day.

"It is certainly great," says Mr. Creem, "the way in which the people have treated the men in uniform."

Those who aided in any way in this expression of help for the soldier boys has cause for pride and joy. Those who did not, well, they have missed something in their lives that they can never secure. We feel sorry for them.

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## "THE LAW'S DELAYS"

The question which is forever presenting itself for solution: "How May Justice Be Expediated," is again before the bar of the state for consideration.

Far be it for a mere layman to discuss with authority the intangible machinery of the bench and bar, but it seems that anyone may do so since the members of the profession themselves, apparently are at sea in their efforts to find a remedy.

Judge Belt of Hood River, in a letter to the Oregonian suggests that a large portion of the delays are due to the present method of selecting juries, which permit the lawyers to use this method to display their wit, and serves no other purpose. He would have the prospective jurors questioned by Court, and have him decide as to their fitness.

Of course the lawyers will object to that, some times, the Judge is as prejudiced as the attorney, and is prone, at times to have preconceived notions as to the guilt or innocence of defendants.

Then the State Bar association has a program which calls for reforms in the Supreme Court by adding additional members to the Supreme bench, to assist the now overburdened members. The State Bar rejected the proposal to call into service of the Supreme Court three Circuit Judges at each term.

All these suggestions of the lawyer men have to do with cases that have finally reached the courts for adjustment. This only touches the outside of the "law's delays." It is perhaps true that not half as much delay is experienced after a case finally gets determined as in getting it past its first trial. And this fault does not lie with the courts, as a rule, tho in some cases it might.

In every lawyer's office in the land there are many cases pending from one term of court to another, which have been postponed for a multitude of reasons, many of which originate with the representatives of contending parties. Inability to get witnesses, the intervention of more important cases, so far as different attorneys are concerned, these and other reasons serve to delay litigation and the enactment of justice so far as the public is concerned.

The Argus wishes all its readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## U. S. HEALTH SERVICE ISSUES WARNING

Increase in All Respiratory Diseases After the Influenza Epidemic Probable.

Influenza Expected to Lurk for Months. How to Guard Against Pneumonia. Common Colds Highly Catching—Importance of Suitable Clothing—Could Save 100,000 Lives.

Washington, D. C.—With the subsidence of the epidemic of influenza the attention of health officers is directed to pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system which regularly cause a large number of deaths, especially during the winter season. According to Rupert Blue, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, these diseases will be especially prevalent this winter unless the people are particularly careful to obey health instructions.

"The present epidemic," said Surgeon General Blue, "has taught by bitter experience how readily a condition beginning apparently as a slight cold may go on to pneumonia and death. Although the worst of the epidemic is over, there will continue to be a large number of scattered cases, many of them mild and unrecognized, which will be danger spots to be guarded against." The Surgeon General likened the present situation to that after a great fire, saying, "No fire chief who understands his business stops playing the hose on the charred debris as soon as the flames and visible fire have disappeared. On the contrary, he continues the water for hours and even days, for he knows that there is danger of the fire rekindling from smoldering embers."

"Then you fear another outbreak of influenza?" he was asked. "Not necessarily another large epidemic," said the Surgeon General, "but unless the people learn to realize the seriousness of the danger they will be compelled to pay a heavy death toll from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases."

### Common Colds Highly Catching.

"It is encouraging to observe that people are beginning to learn that ordinary coughs and colds are highly catching and are spread from person to person by means of droplets of germ laden mucus. Such droplets are sprayed into the air when careless or ignorant people cough or sneeze without covering their mouth and nose. It is also good to know that people have learned something about the value of fresh air. In summer, when people are largely out of doors, the respiratory diseases (coughs, colds, pneumonia, etc.) are infrequent; in the fall, as people begin to remain indoors, the respiratory diseases increase; in the winter, when people are prone to stay in badly ventilated, overheated rooms, the respiratory diseases become very prevalent."

### Suitable Clothing Important.

"Still another factor in the production of colds, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases is carelessness or ignorance of the people regarding suitable clothing during the seasons when the weather suddenly changes, sitting in warm rooms too heavily dressed or, what is even more common, especially among women, dressing so lightly that windows are kept closed in order to be comfortably warm. This is a very injurious practice."

### Could Save 100,000 Lives.

"I believe we could easily save one hundred thousand lives annually in the United States if all the people would adopt the system of fresh air living followed, for example, in tuberculosis sanatoria. There is nothing mysterious about it—no specific medicine, no vaccine. The important thing is right living, good food and plenty of fresh air."

### Droplet Infection Explained in Pictures.

"The Bureau of Public Health, Treasury Department, has just issued a striking poster drawn by Herryman, the well-known Washington cartoonist. The poster exemplifies the modern method of health education. A few years ago, under similar circumstances, the health authorities would have issued an official dry but scientifically accurate bulletin teaching the role of droplet infection in the spread of respiratory diseases. The only ones who would have understood the bulletin would have been those who already knew all about the subject. The man in the street, the plain citizen and the many millions who toil for their living would have had no time and no desire to wade through the technical phraseology."



COLDS, INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE SPREAD THIS WAY

Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

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